



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
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Meeting Minutes**

Board of County Commissioners
*Stephen P. Clark Government Center
111 N.W. 1st Street
Miami, FL 33128*

Thursday, September 3, 2009
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Members Present: Bruno Barreiro; Jose "Pepe" Diaz; Audrey M. Edmonson; Carlos A. Gimenez; Sally A. Heyman; Barbara J. Jordan; Joe A. Martinez; Dennis C. Moss; Dorrin Rolle; Natacha Seijas; Katy Sorenson; Rebeca Sosa; Javier D. Souto

Members Absent: None.

Members Late: None.

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent County Business: None.

1 MINUTES PREPARED BY

Report: *Scott Rappleye, Commission Reporter, (305) 375-5108*

1A ROLL CALL

Report: *The Honorable County Mayor Carlos Alvarez was present as well as the following staff members: County Manger George Burgess; County Attorney Robert Cuevas; and Deputy Clerks Diane Collins, Doris Dickens, and Scott Rappleye.*

1B MOMENT OF SILENCE

Report: *Chairman Moss called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m., and the Board convened in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

1C PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

1D

ITEMS

Report: Chairman Moss presented the parliamentary procedures to be following by all persons present, including those wishing to appear before the Board. He explained that all speakers in the audience would be limited to two minutes, and he emphasized the importance for each person to focus their comments to ensure that their specific requests and/or concerns regarding the Fiscal Year (FY) 2009-10 budget were stated on the record. Chairman Moss noted applause, verbal outbursts, and slanderous remarks or personal attacks were prohibited. He asked the County Attorney to read, for the record, Rule 6.05 of the Board's Rules of Procedures regarding decorum.

County Attorney Robert Cuevas read the following language into the record: "Rule 6.05 DECORUM: Any person making impertinent or slanderous remarks or who becomes boisterous while addressing the commission, shall be barred from further audience before the commission by the presiding officer, unless permission to continue or again address the commission be granted by the majority vote of the commission members present. No clapping, applauding, heckling or verbal outbursts in support or opposition to a speaker or his or her remarks shall be permitted. No signs or placards shall be allowed in the commission chambers. Persons exiting the commission chamber shall do so quietly. The use of cell phones in the commission chambers is not permitted. Ringers must be set to silent mode to avoid disruption of proceedings." He advised that the Commission needed to adopt tentative millage rates for FY 2009-10 that could not be increased, and that the Commission needed to adopt a tentative budget at this meeting. County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission needed to move to suspend Rules 6.03 and 6.04 regarding the registration of speakers and the time allotted for each public speaker to speak.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that Board of County Commissioners Rule 6.03 and Rule 6.04 be suspended. This motion was seconded by Chairman Moss, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 12-0 (Commissioner Gimenez was absent).

ITEM A

092448

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING
THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND MILLAGE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND
ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; LEVYING ALL TAXES SO
PROVIDED; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING
AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Amended

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.

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ITEM A AMENDED

092539

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Adopted on first reading as amended

Public Hearing: September 17, 2009

Mover: Rebeca Sosa

Seconder: Sen. Javier D. Souto

Vote: 8- 5

No: Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, Sorenson, Moss

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Report: County Attorney Robert Cuevas read Agenda Items A-F into the record.

Hearing no objections, the Commission proceeded to consider Agenda Items A-F simultaneously.

County Manager George Burgess noted, for the record, that in Agenda Item A the proposed Countywide operating millage rate was 5.454 mills, which was the state-defined rolled-back rate; that in Agenda Item C the proposed Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) operating millage rate was 2.2451 mills, which was the state-defined rolled-back rate; that in Agenda Item E the proposed Fire Rescue Service District operating millage rate was 2.4458 mills, which was the state-defined rolled-back rate; that in Agenda Item E the proposed Library System operating millage rate was 0.4278 mills, which was the state-defined rolled-back rate; that in Agenda Item E the proposed Countywide Debt Service millage rate was 0.38 mills; and that in Agenda Item E the proposed Fire Rescue Debt Service millage rate was 0.042 mills.

Commissioner Sorenson noted the intent of this meeting was to listen to the public speakers. She pointed out that each commissioner wanted the County to provide services to the community and to lower taxes. She clarified that services to the community and lower taxes did not go together very well. Commissioner Sorenson urged the Commission to listen to the public and then make responsible decisions as they represented their communities.

Chairman Moss opened the meeting for elected officials to comment.

Mayor Julio Roabina, City of Hialeah, requested that the Commission consider that some municipalities had their own fire rescue department and library system when the Commission set the Countywide Operating millage rate. He noted that two councilwomen from Hialeah were in attendance.

Representative James Bush, District 109, Florida House of Representatives, noted the citizens in District 109 would be negatively impacted by this proposed budget. He spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposals to cut funding to the Cultural Arts Center at NW 22 Avenue and 62 Street and to cut services for senior citizens. He expressed concern regarding the impact of these proposals on the crime rate in the African American community. Rep. Bush requested the Commission identify unnecessary expenditures that could be eliminated from the budget to provide the funds for the services he pointed out.

Chairman Moss opened the public hearing on the foregoing proposed ordinance, and the following persons appeared before the Commission:

Mr. Pedro Rodriguez, CEO, Sclady, 2 Circle Drive, Hialeah, spoke in support of the County funding social services. He requested the Commission reconsider funding Community Based Organizations (CBOs) at the highest level possible.

Ms. Beatrice Fein (phonetic), 17930 SW 176 Street, spoke in opposition to the strong mayor having someone like the County Manager to help him.

Mr. Marcos Alcajaja (phonetic), 670 NW 62 Street #511, stated the community needed a strong coalition that represented the culture of the community. He stated the County needed to integrate the education, health,

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and culture of the community. Mr. Alcajaja questioned where was the budget for the half-penny sales tax for improved transit. He noted that Jackson Memorial Hospital needed improvements.

Mr. Ernie Martinez, 6660 Biscayne Boulevard, Center for Independent Living of South Florida, requested that the County not eliminate funding for the Workforce Development Program.

Mr. Brian Taylor, 3029 NE 188 Street, Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, noted that he had provided written recommendations to Commissioner Heyman with suggestions regarding lay-offs, efficiency, and effective efforts of rehabilitation specific to the Corrections Department from staff members.

Commissioner Heyman noted she would provide the Clerk and each Commissioner with a copy of Mr. Taylor's recommendations.

Mr. Jay Staley, 11560 SW 81 Terrace, President, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 121, noted AFSCME had budget alternatives that could alleviate some of the budget crunch without laying off employees, reducing employee pay, or eliminating employee benefits. He noted he would pay increased taxes, if necessary.

An unidentified representative of the Park and Recreation Department requested the Commission provide funds to the Park and Recreation Department for handicapped sports.

Mr. Steve Bernard, Commissioner, Village of Biscayne Park, read a village resolution that requested the Commission examine all County departments to realize deficiencies and to reduce waste and unnecessary expenses, thus allowing the County to maintain its level of services to the community and employees without raising taxes.

Ms. Daisy Rincon, Miami Lighthouse for the Blind, requested that the County fund Miami Lighthouse for the Blind at the same level as FY 2008-09.

Ms. Cindy Lerner, Mayor, Village of Pinecrest, member of Miami-Dade League of Cities Budget Committee, noted the League of Cities looked forward to working with Chairman Moss and the Commission to identify mechanisms to work on shared resources and allocations.

Ms. Claria Cocasas (phonetic), spoke in support of the County funding all parks and leisure activities for persons with disabilities. She requested that the County increase the availability of these activities.

Ms. Martha Perez, School Board of Miami-Dade County, spoke in support of the County restoring the \$11 million for the cultural grants programs.

Ms. Linda Herbert, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the 4H organization.

Ms. Ester Coolidge, 10220 SW 28 Street, requested that the County not eliminate extension programs, particularly 4H, from the Consumer Services Department.

Ms. Rebecca Diaz, 8450 SW 36 Street, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the 4H Program.

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Mr. Brandon Collier, 20221 SW 113 Court, requested the County provide programs in the Sweetvine area.

Ms. Candice Slater, 6969 Glenn Eagle Drive, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the 4H Program.

Mr. Camille Merilus, Camille and Sulet Foundation, requested the County provide \$116,000 to continue the foundation's work. He expressed appreciation to Commissioner Jordan for her contribution and for the vehicle.

Ms. Rose Pujols, 2455 South Bayshore Drive, spoke in support of the County providing funding to address healthcare needs for the elderly and to the Trina Tejada In Shape Forever Program.

Ms. Geralda Dumas, 2121 NW 100 Street, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the 4H program at Amelia Earhart Park.

Ms. Louise Coolidge and son, John Coolidge, 10220 SW 28 Street, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the 4H Program. They clarified that 4H was not a Community Based Organization (CBO); it was a cooperative extension under the Consumer Services Department.

Mr. Roy Dapherdie, 1501 SW 37 Avenue, spoke in support of the County providing funds for Operation Military Kids (OMK), which was under the supervision of the 4H Program.

Mr. Levy Torres, Journeymen of We Count on Marlin Road, expressed concern regarding salary theft. He asked that the County ensure the Journeymen's Center was kept open.

Commissioner Seijas noted she was sponsoring an ordinance that would address salary theft.

Ms. Thea Carter-Webb, 1900 Biscayne Blvd, spoke in support of the County restoring funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs and Arts Programs.

Chairman Moss recognized former Miami-Dade County School Board member Ms. Betsy Kaplan.

Ms. Helen James, 570 NE 70 Street, spoke in support of the County providing funding for arts programs.

Ms. Betsy Kaplan, 2 Grove Isle Drive #1603, former member of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, spoke in support of the County funding the cultural grants program that made art programs available to children.

Ms. Sheila Womble, 1818 SW 23 Street, Arts for Learning, requested that the Commission restore funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Deborah Spiegelman, 11470 N. Bayshore Drive, Executive Director, Miami Children's Museum, requested the County continue to invest in arts and the Miami Children's Museum.

Ms. Betty Aguilar Perez, 10040 Martinique Dr., spoke in support of the County funding arts programs through the Department of Cultural Affairs.

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Ms. Caroline Lockhart, 3091 Thames Way, Miramar, former Liberty City resident, requested the Commission reconsider funding the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.

Ms. Mia Landrin, Big Brothers Big Sisters, spoke in support of this organization and requested the County provide funding to it.

Ms. Myra Camino 530 N 69 Way, Hollywood, Big Brothers Big Sister, requested the Commission allocate funds for this program.

Mr. John Lindsey, 635 Palermo Avenue, Coral Gables, Southeast United States Regional Director, Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.), spoke in opposition to the County cutting funding for D.A.R.E.

Dr. Ray Coulton, 3350 Hibiscus St. spoke in support of the County continuing to fund D.A.R.E.

Mr. Adolpho Rodriguez, 445 Grand Bay Drive, Key Biscayne, Chairman, Cultural Affairs Council, requested that the Commission restore funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Cultural Grants Program.

Mr. Deacon Baldwin, Richmond Heights, requested the County not cut funding to the CBOs, the Park and Recreation Department, and the services for seniors.

Ms. Lettie Bisark, 400 SW 2 Street #107, requested that the County restore 100% of the Mayor's proposed funding cuts to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Helen B. Williams, 9801 NW 25 Avenue, requested the Commission not cut any community services in this budget. She requested that the State Attorney and the Inspector General investigate the transparency of the County payroll process.

Mr. James Rush, 6651 Cowpen Rd, requested the County re-consider the proposed \$11 million cut to the cultural grants program.

Ms. Charlene Thompkins, 2001 NW 63 Avenue, requested the County make no staff and budget cuts to the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.

Ms. Kathrine Penrod, 1881 79 Street Causeway, CEO, Switchboard of Miami, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the switchboard of Miami.

Ms. Dalia Lockhart, Switchboard of Miami, spoke in support of the County providing funds for the Switchboard of Miami's senior citizen programs.

Ms. Camitra Driver, Executive Director, We Care South Dade, asked the Commission to reconsider the Mayor's proposal to totally eliminate funding for CBO programs. She noted she supported increasing taxes.

Mr. Michael Johnson, 505 NW 8 Street, Homestead, requested the Commission continue funding CBOs.

Ms. Caroline Yerdly, 7420 SW 172 Street, Palmetto Bay, representing Muhare, a domestic and sexual violence center, urged the Commission to continue funding this CBO. She noted she would accept paying additional taxes.

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Mr. Robert Parrish, 1421 NW 179 Street, requested the Commission not cut any funding to cultural grants/arts programs, including the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center.

Ms. Marleine Bastien, 710 NE 152 Street, spoke in support of the Commission adopting the state-defined rolled-back millage rates to preserve programs.

Ms. Barbara Zolman, 7995 SW 73 Street, Executive Director, Drug Free Youth In Town (DFYIT), encouraged the Commission to maintain funding for CBOs and cultural grants.

Ms. Maxine Long, 1808 Ferdinand Street, Coral Gables, Dranoff Board Member, requested that the County support the Cultural Affairs Council, and that the County restore full funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Sue Loyzel 9275 SW 185 Terrace, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed cuts to CBOs. She requested the County partially fund CBOs if 100% of the funds could not be restored.

Ms. Dorie Wedlars, 11332 SW 115 Terrace, Development Director, DFYIT, requested the Commission reconsider the Mayor's proposed funding cut for CBOs.

Ms. Aureli Anie Florestal (phonetic), former DFYIT member, spoke in support of the County funding CBOs.

Ms. Julia Dawson, Chairperson, Independent Review Panel (IRP), 1701 SW 4 Avenue, expressed support for the state-defined rolled-back millage rate. She spoke in opposition to the County eliminating the funds for the IRP. She requested the Commission budget \$481,000 (a 20% reduction) for the IRP and make additional cuts, if necessary.

Mr. Daniel Lopez, Program Specialist, DYFIT, spoke in support of the County funding DFYIT, and he requested the Commission consider the impact of the County not funding this CBO.

Ms. Marlise Perez (phonetic), 4633 SW 136 Place, Educational Event Manager, DYFIT, requested that the Commission not cut the funding for DYFIT and other social services.

Ms. Carol Hardemon, Executive Director, Youth of America, 5656 NW 7th Avenue, noted that she was willing to pay higher taxes to keep CBOs functioning.

Mr. Francisco Garcia, President, Transport Workers' Union Local 291, 1111 Park Centre Boulevard, Miami Gardens, requested that the County provide funding to expand Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and asked the Commission to support MDT employees.

Mr. Gonzalo Cadena 10445 SW 125 Court, DFYIT, spoke in opposition to the County eliminating funding for substance abuse programs.

Ms. Charro Kirk (phonetic), 609 Lenox Avenue, Miami Beach, Founding Director, Etched Zones (phonetic), requested the Commission restore funding to the Miami-Dade Cultural Affairs Council.

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Dr. Andres Vasquez, 15480 SW 26 Terrace, requested that the County restore funding to the Park and Recreation Department.

Ms. Marinela Sanchez, 2426 SW 109th Avenue, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to close County parks and pools.

Dr. Enid Curtis Pinkney, 4990 NW 71st Avenue, Founder and President/CEO, Historic Hampton House and Hampton House Community Trust, requested the County provide this CBO with funding for a restored Hampton House that was an economic engine to the community.

Mr. Ron Ladane, 13918 SW 173 Terrace, DFYIT, requested the County support the DFYIT Program.

Ms. Shakina Delmar Donaldson, Kinard Inc, expressed appreciation for the County supporting racial profiling issues. She requested the Commission include funding for Kinard, Inc. in the budget.

Mr. Miguel Borges, Westchester, requested the Commission consider the plight of the poor.

Dr. Jeffrey Draesel, 12921 Auralia Road, North Miami, Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Anti-Venom Division, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to reduce the Venom One staff from four to one.

Ms. Daniella Levine, President/CEO, Human Services Coalition, Co-organizer, Pennywise & Pound Foolish Campaign, 860 Jeronimo Drive, Coral Gables, spoke in support of the County funding the vital community services. She noted she was willing to pay additional taxes to support services for people in need.

Mr. Baslow Donaldson (phonetic), 2100 NW 192 Terrace, Miami Gardens, requested that the County Commission support a tax rate that would provide tax relief and allow as many vital community services to continue operating as possible.

Mr. Marlon Bennett, 9811 Martinique Drive, Cutler Bay, We Count Work Center, requested the County provide funding to this Center to prevent it from closing.

Mr. Carlos Cruz Gallego (phonetic), 18011 SW Marlin Road, Cutler Ridge, requested the Commission grant exempt immigration status to day laborers to provide them the chance to be refugees and avoid being returned to their homeland.

Mr. Deon Robinson, 2179 NW 18 Terrace, Miami, requested the Commission not reduce the salaries of the County Employees.

Mr. Gustavo Mendaris (phonetic), 18901 SW 106 Avenue, We Count Work Center, requested the Commission consider funding CBOs that have performed work.

Mr. William Zubcoff, 2 S. Hibiscus Drive, Miami Beach, Chairman, Community Action Agency, requested that the County include funding for the elderly programs, the neighborhood service centers, and the head start program in the County budget.

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Mr. James E. Faison, Board member, Community Action Agency (CAA), 8425 SW 124 Street, requested the County continue to fund the Head Start program.

Ms. Lillie Williams, 1180 NW 50 Street, Board member, CAA, requested the Commission allocate funds to the CAA.

Ms. Carmen Morjica, County Employee under Union Local 199, 6396 Maynard Lane, South Miami, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed five percent reduction to County employees' salaries.

Mr. Charles Brown, 17211 NW 47 Court, requested the Commission restore funding to the Park & Recreation Department.

Ms. Samantha Quartermann, Director, Multi-Ethnic Youth Group, 6304 NW 14 Avenue, spoke in support of public services and the Children's Trust. She requested that the County fund all non-profit programs.

Ms. Mireille Chancy Gonzalez, 288 Bal Bay Drive, Bal Harbour, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed cuts to Vizcaya.

Ms. Stella Holmes, 1925 Brickell Avenue, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, requested the Commission reconsider the Mayor's proposed cuts to Vizcaya.

Mr. Carlton Cole, 1009 Hardee Road, Coral Gables, Vizcaya Museum and Gardens Trust, requested the Commission use the investment value of expenses to establish budget priorities as it adopted the FY 2009-10 budget. He urged the Commission to restore funding to cultural organizations, including the Vizcaya Museum and Gardens.

Mr. Roy Hardemon, 1875 NW 67 Street, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed cuts to the CAA budget. He requested the Commission provide funding to the Park and Recreation Department; provide \$3 million to the James E. Scott Community Association (JESCA), provide funding to develop Poinciana Industrial Park, and provide funding for services at Jackson Health Systems.

Ms. Kelly Green, 12 NW 116 Street, Center for Independent Living of South Florida, suggested the Commission phase out duplicative social programs and allocate those savings to CBOs. She spoke in support of increased taxes to fund services.

Ms. Ana Somayan, Executive Director Adults Mankind Organization, 6240 SW 33 Street, requested the County fund CBOs.

Ms. Stephanie Norman, Co-founder/Executive Director, City Theater Summer Shorts Festival, 573 Warren Lane, requested that the Commission fully restore funding for the cultural grants programs.

Ms. Maisah Williams, 21360 NW 9 Place Apt 303, requested the Commission consider providing support in the County budget for financially disadvantaged people in the community.

Ms. Connie Bain, 3312 NW 50 Street, spoke in support of the migrant worker community in south Miami-Dade and the Miami-Dade Park & Recreation children programs. She spoke in support of the Human Services and CAA

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social services. She requested that the Commission provide funding for elderly services, veterans services, victim services, and rehabilitative services.

Ms. Igna Portilla, 19350 SW 384 Street, requested the Commission support Miami-Dade Park & Recreation children programs.

Ms. Cynthia Gay, 100 SE 2 Street, Area Director, Best Buddies Florida, requested the Commission restore funding for CBOs.

Mr. Jacob Anderson, Participant, Best Buddies Program, spoke in support of the Best Buddies Program.

Ms. Marie Mobley, AFSCME Local 3292, requested the Commission adopt a millage rate everyone could live by.

Mr. Mark Douthit, Esq., First Vice-Chair Metro-Miami Action Plan Trust (MMAP), 5955 NE 4 Court, questioned why the Mayor recommended that Teen Court and Housing Assistance Programs be removed from MMAP. He requested these programs be restored to MMAP.

Ms. Martha Baker, 1685 Cleveland Road, Miami Beach, President, Jackson Memorial Hospital Healthcare Union, requested the Commission adopt a millage rate that would not reduce the salaries of County employees.

Mr. George Moss, 20341 NE 15 Avenue, Neighbors and Neighbors Association (NANA), requested the County provide funding to NANA.

Ms. Victoria Cappello, 6500 SW 82 Avenue, requested that the Commission restore \$11.2 million for cultural grants programs in the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Department.

Mr. Rick Medina, 9105 NW 25 Street, noted the Mayor proposed the County cut funding for the Miami-Dade Police Athletic League. He pointed out that none of the activities offered by the League were paid from the General Fund budget.

Ms. Zola Saffold, Policy Council Chair, Head Start and Early Head Start, 8855 NW 1 Avenue, spoke in support of funding for the CAA Head Start and Early Head Start Programs.

Mr. Alan Rigerman, 17910 NW 84 Avenue, requested the County restore funding for the Venom One Anti-Venom Unit. He noted he would accept to pay increased taxes.

Mr. Joe Podgor, 17000 NW 67 Avenue, spoke in support of the Consumer Advocate Program. He questioned whether the County could, legally, not fill a position established by ordinance.

Mr. Justin Moss, 555 NE 34 Street, Florida Grand Opera, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed reductions to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Mr. Wilfredo Gort, 2660 NW 14 Avenue, Hemisphere Congress Volunteer Chairperson, Latin Chamber of Commerce of the USA (CAMACOL), spoke in support of the County providing funding for CAMACOL based on past accomplishments.

Mr. William Alexander, President, CAMACOL, requested the Commission

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allocate funds for CAMACOL.

Mr. Miguel Angel Velos, 7711 SW Miller Drive, Miami Dade Water and Sewer Department, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed 5 percent employee pay cut.

Ms. Gepsie Metellus, 74 NW 108 Street, suggested the Commission adopt millage rates that were higher than the FY 2008-09 millage rates, and that the Commission not implement all of the Mayor's proposed cuts.

Ms. Kaitland Maclaren, 7730 SW 53 Place, Tropical Audubon Society, spoke in support of the County allocating funds to educate the community on environmental issues.

Ms. Elena de Montes, Executive Director, Association for the Development of the Exceptional, spoke in support of the County funding CBOs.

Ms. Elsa Someillan, 501 Sevilla Avenue, Coral Gables, Community Coalition, requested the Commission restore funding to the CBOs.

Ms. Ashley Chase, 1407 NW 7 Street, Miami River Commission, requested the County allocate \$100,000 for the Scavenger 2000 water decontamination vessel. She noted the County Storm Water Utility Fee could be used to fund the Scavenger 2000.

Ms. Ana Talbert (phonetic), 5875 SW 71 Street, requested the Commission fully restore the funding for the Cultural Affairs Department.

Mr. Mark Pidal, 10060 SW 77 Court, Administrative Director, Junior Orange Bowl Committee, requested the Commission fully restore the \$11.2 million for grant funding to the Cultural Affairs Department.

Ms. Marty Bueso, 10555 SW 103 Street, President, Junior Orange Bowl Committee, recognized the large number of volunteers within Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Robert Bueso (phonetic), 10555 SW 103 Street, Junior Orange Bowl Committee, requested the County provide \$45,000 to the Junior Orange Bowl Committee.

Ms. Naomi Crockett, 2269 SW 4 Street, spoke in support of the County funding the Village South CBO.

Ms. Janet Nichols, Adult Programs Director, Village South, 3180 Biscayne Boulevard, requested the County continue the funding to the Village South.

Ms. Hannah Baumgarten, Co-founder/Artistic Director, Dance Now Miami, 900 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, requested the Commission restore \$11.2 million to the Cultural Affairs Department.

Ms. Mary Hill, 146 NW 67 Street, requested the County allow her to do her federally mandated duties.

Ms. Solange Luz Salon (phonetic), 1165 98 Street, Bay Harbor, spoke in support of the County funding the Head Start Program.

Mr. Robert Lazara, 801 S. Royal Poinciana, Miami Springs, Vice-President,

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AFSCME Local 1363, Jackson Memorial Hospital employee, presented a petition containing 10,000 signatures of County employees opposed to the Mayor's proposed 5% reduction to employees' salaries.

Ms. Selicia Sewell, 1580 NW 16 Avenue, spoke in support of the County funding the Head Start and Early Head Start programs.

Ms. Cindy Elaine Washington, 2070 Bay Drive, Miami Beach, expressed concern regarding the County budget and society.

Ms. Alicia Rodia (phonetic), 25230 SW 129 Place, via interpreter, spoke in support of the Head Start Program.

Mr. John Topley (phonetic), 9677 NW 6 Avenue, spoke in support of the County funding the Mom and Pop Program.

Mr. Terry Jones, 1528 NW 43 Street, CEO, BCLS Landscaping Group, spoke in support of the County funding the Mom and Pop grant program.

Mr. Anthony Scott, 4055 NW 17 Avenue, spoke in support of the County funding the Mom and Pop grants program.

Mr. Leroy Jones, 180 NW 62 Street, NANA, requested the Commission fully restore funding for the Mom and Pop grants program.

Ms. Renita Holmes expressed concerns regarding the economy.

Ms. Pamela McIntosh, 1340 NW 51 Terrace, McIntosh Academy, requested that the County continue funding Mom and Pop businesses.

Ms. Angela Vasquez, 7757 SW 118 Place, Florida Association, spoke in support of the County funding CBOs. She requested the County restore funding for all senior citizens programs.

Ms. Christina Pinero, Executive Director, Southwest Social Services Program, spoke in support of the County restoring funding for CBOs that provided elderly services.

Mr. Cliff Culberth, 12925 SW 109 Court, requested that the County stop funding non-productive groups and programs. He requested that the County withdraw recent large salary increases before reducing employee salaries by 5%.

Ms. Elna Dilella, 15737 SW 99 Street, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, requested that the County continue funding the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, as well as allocate discretionary funds that could be used on this type of program.

Ms. Barbara Stein, Actors Playhouse Executive Director, Miracle Theatre, 12515 SW 105 Avenue, spoke in support of the County restoring funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Maria Holloway, 5840 SW 51 Street, urged the County Commission to fully restore funding for the Department of Cultural Affairs, which supported the Greater Miami Youth Symphony.

Ms. Beckey Ropa-Matkov, Executive Director, Dade Heritage Trust, 12881

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SW 63 Court, requested that the County restore funding for historic preservation and cultural affairs.

Mr. Hantz Mari, 16558 NE 26 Avenue, spoke in support of the Haitian American Grassroots Foundation. He requested the County restore funding for the Independent Review Panel.

Mr. Serge Rodriguez, 1032 NW 103 Street, Haitian Heritage Museum, spoke in support of the County restoring funding for the Park and Recreation Department programs and the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Evelyn Pierre, Executive Director, Haitian Heritage Museum, requested that the Commission restore all funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs budget.

Mr. Gary Johnson, 2320 NW 92 Street, requested that the County continue to support all programming for children, including the Head Start program. He also spoke in opposition to the County cutting the salaries for the Miami-Dade Police Officers.

Ms. Delma Isles, 3225 Franklin Avenue, spoke in support of the County restoring funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Susanne Pinedo, 8840 SW 72 Street, Communications Director, Roxy Theatre Group, also involved with Voices United, spoke in support of the Commission restoring 100% funding for CBOs.

Mr. Jon Mapu (Phonetic), 5919 NE 2nd Avenue, spoke in support of the County restoring funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the Haitian Cultural Alliance.

Mr. Ernst Julmeus, 11301 SW 73 Lane, requested that the County restore funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Mr. Steve Davis, 5965 Alton Road, President Elect, Miami-Dade County Bar Association, urged the Board to maintain the consumer advocate position.

Mr. John P. Murray Esq., 5886 SW 34th Street, spoke in support of the County maintaining the consumer advocate position.

Mr. Frank Survaya, Branch Director, Miami-Dade Boys and Girls Club, 2805 SW 32 Avenue, asked that the Board continue providing funding this club.

Mr. Alex Rodriguez-Frueid, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Boys and Girls Club, spoke in support of the County continuing to provide funds for this club.

Ms. Jane Walker, 14250 SW 105 Terrace, requested the Commission restore full funding for the Extension Services program.

Ms. Debbie Kleinburg, North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens Services, requested that the County continue to prioritize funding for human services organizations.

Ms. Resita (Phonetic) Guori, 101 Frank Boulevard, spoke on her behalf of Ms. Gloria Guori, 1718 SW 17 Avenue. She expressed concern regarding the increase in property taxes. She noted that elected officials did not do a good job.

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Ms. Maxia Palasie, 10201 SW 140 Avenue, spoke in support of the County cutting large employee salaries, bonuses, and allowances for County automobiles.

Mr. Angelo Garcia, 16641 NW 77 Place, spoke in opposition to tax increases.

Mr. Phil Lapento (Phonetic), 9065 Harding Avenue, Miami Beach, spoke in support of the County restoring funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Maria Magdalena Estopinal (Phonetic), questioned when the County would explain to the public the final outcome regarding the tax rate for FY 2009-10, what was the real funding gap between FY 2008-09 and FY 2009-10, and whether the Marlins stadium or the Port of Miami Tunnel were responsible for the funding gap.

Mr. Miquel Childs, 3280 South Miami Avenue, Founder, Upward Bound Program, requested the Commission provide funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Mr. Stan Hills, 8000 NW 21 Street, spoke in opposition to the County disproportionately reducing the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue budget for the third consecutive year.

Ms Sandra Valdez, 21230 NE 9 Court, Catholic Charity Services for the Elderly, spoke in support of the County funding CBOs.

Ms. Audrey Blair, 530 SE 21 Lane, spoke in support of the County funding CBOs that provided services to the elderly, including adult day care centers for impaired senior citizens.

Mr. Larry Kartle, Redlands, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund the Consumer Services Department extension program. He spoke in support of the County funding CBOs that provided services to the agriculture community.

Ms. Vianna Vaseman, 101 W Flagler Street, Miami Historical Museum, requested the County Commission restore \$11.2 million to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Sarah Dailets, 2712 SE 15 Place, Homestead, spoke in support of the Head Start Program and the Community Action Agency. She spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget to shift Head Start to delegate agencies.

Ms. Kristina Brown, 14541 Tyler Street, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to shift oversight of the Head Start program to delegate agencies.

Ms. Cathrine Wooden, 15503 SW 105 Avenue, requested the County restore funding to the Park and Recreation Department.

Ms. Rose Ricks, 16130 SW 102 Court, spoke in support of the Miami-Dade Park and Recreation programs and requested the County continue funding these programs.

Ms. Mia Alvarez, 1800 NW 24 Avenue, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund services to senior citizens.

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Mr. Manuel Devia, Project Director, Sisters and Brothers Forever, 1925 SW 8 Street, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund services for senior citizens.

Ms. Patricia Ramens, 7763 SW 178 Street, Founder, Farmshare, requested the County provide \$600,000 to Farmshare.

Ms. Amy Sofca, 1060 Brickell Avenue, spoke in support of the County providing \$600,000 to Farmshare.

Ms. Murielle Walker, 1305 NW 71 Terrace, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund the Curley House and its services to the elderly.

Ms. Ella Curley Kitchen spoke in support of the County funding the Curley House and Farmshare.

Mr. Lavert Jordan, 690 NW 60 Street, spoke in support of the County providing funds to Farmshare and the Curley House.

Ms. Jewel Parhan, 9143 SW 77 Avenue, Curley House, spoke in support of the County funding Farmshare.

Ms. Laverne Holiday, Assistant Director, Curley House, requested that the County continue supporting Farmshare.

Ms. Laverne Scott-Eli, Curley House, spoke in support of the County funding Farmshare.

Mr. Thomas Frazier, 201 NW 7 Street, Owner, Brother Frazier's Ribs, spoke in support of the County continuing awarding Mom and Pop grants.

Ms. Karen Grabawski (Phonetic), Sisterhood of Survivors, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to cut funds for domestic violence prevention programs.

Ms. Wanda Gomez, Sisterhood of Survivors, requested the County consider the impact of budget cuts on women and children who were victims of domestic violence. She spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed funding cuts to domestic violence groups.

Ms. Reina Fernandez, Sisterhood of Survivors, requested the County not abandon funding for the domestic violence CBOs.

Ms. Marcy Prince, 6619 SW 116 Place, Family and Victim Services, Department of Human Services, requested that the County institute a 10-day furlough program for County employees.

Ms. Joan Civaldefar, 10025 NE 5th Avenue, Family and Victim Services Director, Department of Human Services, spoke in support of the County funding domestic violence programs. She also spoke in opposition to the County cutting the budget for family and victim services programs.

Mr. Maximo Tack-Fang, 11490 SW 80 Terrace, Parks and Recreation Department, spoke in support of the County funding park programs for adults, elderly, children, and disabled, especially the Fencing Program.

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Ms. Violet Philippe, 1724 SW 14 Terrace, spoke in support of the County funding domestic violence programs.

Ms. Yvonne Mason, 380 Paine Drive, spoke in support of the County funding the Domestic Violence Unit.

Mr. Ramon Perez Dorbecker, President/CEO, Little Havana Activity Center, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposed budget cut for healthcare, social and elderly services, and he requested that the County Commission find a solution to this issue.

Mr. Ray Sullivan, Artistic Director, Miami Contemporary Dance Company, 5101 Collins Avenue, requested that the County restore full funding to the Department of Cultural Affairs.

Ms. Kathy Herring, 14732 SW 123 Avenue, spoke in support of the County funding Park and Recreation Department programs for senior citizens with disabilities.

Ms. Isabel Cristobal, 9431 SW 6 Terrace, spoke in support of the County continuing funding for elderly services. She also spoke in opposition to high tax rates.

Mr. Jonathan Crane, 29141 SW 164 Avenue Road, spoke in support of the County maintaining the budget for Miami-Dade Cooperative Extension Services.

Ms. Ashley Garrett spoke in support of the County providing funds to the American Fraternity and other entities that helped families with immigration problems.

Ms. Dora Sandigo, American Fraternity, 10364 West Flagler Street, requested that the County continue to provide funding to American Fraternity and similar programs that assisted families with immigration issues.

Ms. Sandoval, American Fraternity, spoke in support of the County providing funds to American Fraternity.

Mr. John Riviera, President, Miami-Dade County Police Benevolent Association (PBA), noted his organization supported the Mayor; the Chairman and the entire Board of County Commissioners. He spoke in support of the County continuing to fund Public Safety. He requested that the County make Public Safety the first priority in the budget.

Ms. Silvia Unzueta, 1137 Asturia Avenue, spoke in opposition to the high salaries paid to Miami-Dade County employees and the current budget for General Services Administration. She also spoke in support of the County providing funds to organizations that provided food services for the people who were in need, to aftercare park programs for children, to Public Safety services, and to the African Heritage Program.

Ms. Iris Paguada, 10850 NW 82 Terrace, spoke in support of the County providing funds to the following programs that provided services to the community for children, families, and the elderly: Hope for Children, Hope for Senior Citizens, Hope for People with Special Needs, and Better Living for Low to Moderate Income Families.

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Ms. Carol Filer, 5303 NW 202 Terrace, spoke in support of the County funding Citizens Crime Watch and in opposition to budget cuts that would increase crime. Ms. Filer also spoke in support of Public Safety services.

Mr. Marcos Yapur, 6900 NW 179 Street, questioned why the County still had a funding deficit when highway tolls and taxes were increased and collected since 2001.

Ms. Erin Ely (Phonetic), 420 West 31 Street, Miami Beach, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund Park and Recreation programs, environmental education, eco adventures, naturalist staff, and nature centers.

Ms. Jacquilin Rivera, 12412 SW 150 Terrace, spoke in opposition to how the proposed budget addressed infrastructure in the County. She spoke in support of the County providing funding to schools to provide books for children, and to public safety services, and to not increasing taxes.

Mr. Sam Van Leer, Executive Director, Urban Paradise Guild, 1200 NE 89 Street, expressed concern regarding the Mayor's proposed budget cuts to environmental issues and sustainability program training. He requested that the County continue to fund non-profit environmental organizations.

Mr. Eric Braswell, 11979 SW 92 Lane, recommended that the County levy a two cent gas tax and a two cent hotel tax to generate revenues for the general fund, and that the County reduce the salaries for Mayoral and Commission staff members.

Mr. Charles Ebert, 5201 SW 63 Avenue, spoke in opposition to the County increasing taxes.

Ms. Diane Jones, 12360 SW 190 Street, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to privatize the Head Start program.

Ms. Lawanda Bragg, 15451 SW 288 Street, spoke in opposition to the Mayor's proposal to privatize the Head Start program.

Ms. Tamara Garcia, 11510 SW 4 Street, spoke in support of the County continuing to fund the Head Start program.

Mr. L.P. Clayton, South Dade Soil and Water Conservation District, 1450 N Krome Avenue, Florida City, requested the County continue funding CBO grants.

Mr. Anthony McCoy, 8101 NW 90 Street #224, spoke in support of the County funding the Head Start program. He requested the County augment the services it provided senior citizens.

Mr. Terry Joseph, 2810 NW 97 Street, requested that the County adopt a budget that did not impact programs for children.

Mr. Nelson Hincapie, President and CEO, Voices for Children, 1500 NW 12 Avenue, requested the County continue to provide funding for Voices for Children.

Ms. Thema Campbell, President and CEO, World literacy Crusade and Girl Power Program, 6015 NW 7 Avenue, requested the County support girls and girl causes in the County budget.

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Mr. C.C. Reed, 145 NE 78 Street, spoke in opposition to the Commission increasing taxes.

Mr. Jorge Lopez, 1889 S Bayshore Drive, noted the Parks Foundation was committed to working with the County.

Mr. Mariano Cruz, 1227 NW 26 Street, expressed concern regarding the County's use of the half penny sales surtax for Miami-Dade Transit.

Ms. Mari Soto, 10025 SW 53 Street, expressed concern that constitutional rights were not being honored.

Mr. Mike Sofia, Executive Director, Miami-Dade Sports Commission, 15280 NW 79 Court, noted that sporting events in the county provided jobs and generated revenues that could help fund social service programs.

Mr. Stanley Shapiro, 1940 Park Avenue, requested that the County continue funding the Head Start program; that the County fund after school programs to keep children off the streets; that the County make meals for senior citizens a budget priority; and that the County start charging senior citizens 25 cents to ride Miami-Dade Transit.

Mr. Augusto Lopez, Independent Review Panel Civilian Oversight Board, 6210 SW 34 Street, requested the County continue to fund the Independent Review Panel.

Dr. Flora VanOrden, spoke in support of the County funding children programs, and Farmshare.

Mr. Jordan Leonard, Miami-Dade County League of Cities, noted he was a councilman for the Town of Bay Harbor Island, however, he was making a statement on behalf of the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. He noted the League of Cities adopted the following six recommendations for the County's FY 2009-10 Budget:

- 1. That the County carefully analyze all expenditures before approving a tax increase;*
- 2. that the County not make the recommended cuts to Community Based Organizations without evaluating other cost saving ideas, such as capping executive salaries and benefits, reducing consulting and professional fees, and objectively looking at the County pay scale and benefit load;*
- 3. that the County preserve agencies that provided direct services to municipalities;*
- 4. that the County preserve vital transit routes to help citizens remain gainfully employed and to provide citizens access to public services;*
- 5. that the County carefully review fee increases and their impact on the residents paying those fees; and*
- 6. that the County review the capital load on Water and Sewer rate increases, consider deferring those capital costs to future years to maintain the rates as close as possible to the current level, review the long-term capital plan to ensure that all conservation ideas were factored into long-term capital needs to avoid building more than was required, and review the revised long-term population projections to properly size the system.*

Mr. Leonard noted that since he had been elected a councilman for the Town of Bay Harbor Islands he had to decide to raise his constituents' water and

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sewer bills. He explained he recalled that the Town of Bay Harbor Islands raised the water and sewer bill 33%, and now, respectfully, another 17% and 20%. He requested the County revisit the Water and Sewer costs, and suggested the County should provide water and sewer services at an affordable rate.

Chairman Moss closed the public hearing after no other persons appeared wishing to speak.

Responding to Chairman Moss' request for clarification on the objectives of this meeting, County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission needed to adopt a tentative millage rate and a tentative County budget during this meeting.

Mayor Alvarez noted he and his staff would work with the Commission to enable the Commission to finalize the County budget. He pointed out that the public clearly expressed they did not want an increased tax burden during these tight economic times. He explained that his proposed budget would meet the public's demands and would raise taxes by \$0.72 a month for the owner of an averaged value home. Mayor Alvarez pointed out that his proposed budget would not reduce the departments that provided safety. He noted his proposed budget honored the County's commitment to the Building Better Communities General Obligation Bonds (GOB) fund. He explained that the Commission could adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-09 Countywide debt service millage rate of 0.285 mills for FY 2009-10 and he would not veto it. Mayor Alvarez stressed that he was not happy with his proposed budget, especially the proposal to cut social services and programs for the elderly, to cut resources from the Park and Recreation Department, to cut funding to community and cultural organizations, to cut employee salaries, and to eliminate filled positions. He pointed out that the Commission would adopt millage rates at this meeting that were not final until the September 17 Budget Hearing, however, the millage rates could not be increased after tonight. Mayor Alvarez noted that three of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) unions had agreed to take their impasse hearing to the September 15, 2009, Commission meeting, and that other union contracts would come before the Board later in 2009. He explained that the Commission would find that restoring the 5% pay cut to all county employees or that restoring the service cuts and community group grants was impossible if the FY 2009-10 millage rates were the same as the FY 2008-09 millage rates. He cautioned the Commission not to use one-time revenues to fund recurring expenses.

Commissioner Sorenson noted that many of those who appeared before the Board requested the County maintain services, and that few people stated their taxes were too high. She pointed out that the public comments at this meeting reflected the public's comments to her in community meetings, e-mails, telephone calls, and letters. Commissioner Sorenson explained that if the Commission adopted the stat-defined rolled-back millage rates, the County would have to cut \$300 million from the budget, and the taxes levied by the County on homesteaded properties valued under \$500,000 would be less than in 2002. She noted the County could continue to provide human services programs, elderly meals, neighborhood service centers, Head Start, CBOs, social services, cultural arts, and parks programs if the Commission adopted the state-defined rolled-back millage rates and identified additional efficiencies. He suggested that the County not reduce the salary of County employees who earned less than the area median income.

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Commissioner Sosa noted the Commission should first decide on the millage rates for FY 2009-10, and then it could discuss changes to the Mayor's proposed budget. She explained that she was not willing to approve an increase in property taxes, and that she did not support the County reducing the pay of all County employees by 5%.

Chairman Moss clarified that the Commission would adopt a tentative millage rate that was the maximum rate, which would provide the Commission flexibility when it finalized the FY 2009-10 Budget on September 17, 2009.

Commissioner Barreiro noted he was prepared to vote on the millage rate. He explained that he did not support increasing the millage rate from the FY 2008-09 rate. He noted the Commission should consider vertical cuts as opposed to cuts across the board cuts, should identify priorities and fund them at the appropriate level, and should identify functions that other government entities could assume.

Commissioner Seijas questioned whether the Commission Auditor had identified any differences between the Commission's priorities and the Mayor's priorities in the Mayor's proposed budget. She clarified that no Commission Committee noted they wanted to eliminate funding for the CBOs, the elderly meals program, the Fire Rescue Anti-Venom Unit, the maintenance at County parks, and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program. She questioned how the Commission Auditor suggested the Commission reconcile the differences in its priorities and the Mayor's priorities.

Mr. Charles Anderson, Commission Auditor, noted his memorandum dated September 3, 2009, regarding FY 09-10 Proposed Budget Recommendations identified several budget recommendations that would reconcile the different Commission and Mayoral priorities.

In response to Commissioner Seijas' questions regarding his support of the Mayor's recommendation to freeze employee longevity bonuses for one year, Mr. Anderson noted he supported that recommendation from the Mayor.

Commissioner Seijas requested clarification on the Commission Auditor's recommendation to eliminate executive benefits (except E1).

Mr. Anderson clarified the County had various levels of executive benefits and it extended E1 benefits to elected officials and department directors.

Responding to Commissioner Seijas' inquiry regarding the recommended expenditure reduction for capital outlay reserve projects, Mr. Anderson noted some capital improvement projects being carried over from FY 2008-09 to FY 2009-10 had not spent the funds allocated for them. He clarified that his recommendation was for the County to delay those projects for one year, and that a list of these projects was included as attachment 5 to his memorandum.

Commissioner Seijas requested clarification on the assumed 10% for Take Home Car User Fee under Revenue Opportunities.

Mr. Anderson clarified the table assumed that 10% of eligible County employees would participate in the take home car program.

In response to Commissioner Seijas' question regarding the County charging the take home car fee to employees required to take the car home, Mr.

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Anderson noted the County would not charge those employees the fee.

Commissioner Seijas expressed concern regarding the County rehiring former employees who had retired and would receive double compensation through Florida Retirement System (FRS) payments and a regular pay check. She suggested the County restore \$895,000 to the Park and Recreation Department from the Unincorporated Municipal Service Area (UMSA) budget to fund the County swimming pools, including swimming lessons for people with disabilities. She explained that these funds could come from the public safety reserves (\$200,000), and from the wage adjustment FRS separation and energy reserves (\$695,000). Commissioner Seijas also suggested the County open swimming pools for 10 months as opposed to 12 months. She suggested the County eliminate the proposed \$6 million allocation for the Treatment Alternatives to Street Crimes program in the Department of Human Services.

Discussion ensued between Commissioners Rolle, Sorenson, Jordan, Martinez, and Gimenez on whether the Commission was discussing millage rates or budget recommendations.

Chairman Moss noted that commissioners could comment on both millage rates and budget recommendations, and that the Commission would adopt a millage rate following their discussion.

Commissioner Seijas suggested the Commission identify \$329,000 to restore the Mayor's proposal to eliminate one TV Producer, one Assistant Broadcast Technician, and one Photographer position.

Commissioner Edmonson noted she would vote for what the public had stated they wanted. She explained that she would not support reducing County employee's salaries by 5%; and that she would support the state-defined rolled-back millage rates. She noted she supported the County preserving the Park and Recreation Department budget, the Mom and Pops Grant program, the funding for CBOs, the elderly meals, the neighborhood service centers, the 4H Club, the Farmshare co-operation, and the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center. Commissioner Edmonson suggested the County recapture funding for these budget items by reducing executive benefits, flex dollars, the County Executive Office by 35%, outside legal services and consultants, administrative staff Countywide by 20%, and by implementing a \$100 charge for take home cars per pay period (excluding MDPD and MDFR), and a 4-day furlough for County employees.

Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding the Mayor's recommended budget cuts to the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDT). She noted the Mayor's proposed budget indicated the recommended cuts would not impact MDT service, however, the County Administration indicated in a report on these recommended MDT cuts that they would impact service to 29,700 riders annually, plus 120 riders would not have a MDT option within ½ mile and 80 riders would not have any MDT options. She noted one of her budget priorities was to restore the funding to MDT to ensure these 29,700 riders were not impacted. Commissioner Jordan pointed out that this report did not identify the Metrobus routes that would be impacted. She noted the Mom and Pop program was essential for small business development. She suggested the County restore 80% funding for CBOs. Commissioner Jordan expressed concern regarding the impact of the Mayor's proposal to eliminate eight neighborhood centers. She suggested the Commission restore funding for the Independent Review Panel. Commissioner Jordan noted the County would lose \$48 million of federal funds by privatizing the Head Start program.

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She noted the County could reduce the cost of Head Start by reducing the number of days to 160. She expressed concern that 416 people would not be employed by the County if Head Start was privatized. Commissioner Jordan stated she would support the state-defined rolled-back millage rates.

Commissioner Rolle suggested the County reduce spending by delaying capital improvement projects, eliminating take-home cars, eliminating car allowances, eliminating cell phones, requiring cat licensing, eliminating executive benefits, consolidating departments, and consuming less fuel. Commissioner Rolle noted he would not support eliminating meals for the elderly. He expressed concern regarding the proposal to privatize the Head Start program, to eliminate after-school programs at County parks, and to cut funding for the African American Cultural Arts Center. He expressed further concern regarding the fate of the domestic violence programs and the CBOs. Commissioner Rolle noted he would support the state-defined rolled-back millage rates. He questioned how the County would provide meals to the elderly if the Commission adopted millage rates that would not readily allow the Commission to fund this service.

Commissioner Souto noted the County was operating contrary to the wishes of the public. He explained that the County was buying more than it could afford. He noted his constituents did not agree to increase the millage rates. Commissioner Souto expressed concern regarding the growth of the County from 34 to 61 departments over a ten year period, and the County budget doubling in 10 to 15 years without the population doubling. He noted he was elected to represent his constituents and he could not support increasing the millage rates.

Commissioner Martinez explained that a vote for lower millage rates was not a vote against meals for the elderly. He clarified that the commissioners would set priorities for using the funds that would be generated by the levied millage rates and choose what services the County provided the community. He noted he supported the Mayor's proposal to not increase the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDT) maintenance of effort by 3.5%.

Commissioner Heyman noted she was committed to protecting the taxpayers. She explained that the County budget process was designed in a way that the Commission could protect County employees. She noted that the County could prioritize funds, cut administration, reduce waste, consolidate, and maximize efficiency to prepare a good budget that did not increase taxes. Commissioner Heyman explained that she supported reducing the salary of some County employees and the number of County employees, however, she did not support reducing salaries and positions as proposed in the Mayor's budget. She noted the County should continue to support CBOs. She suggested the County identify the services offered by CBOs that merited County funds.

Commissioner Gimenez noted he would not support increasing the millage rates. He explained that he had distributed a memorandum that provided ways to preserve the following services without increasing the millage rates: meals and services for the elderly, help for domestic violence victims, and direct food assistance for needy families. He clarified the County could fund these programs by reducing the County Commission's budget, reducing the Mayor's budget, reducing the executive benefits, increasing the pay cut for high paid executives, reducing travel expenses, and eliminating consulting contracts, publications, subscriptions, memberships, new furniture, and cell phones.

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Commissioner Diaz noted he would not support increasing the millage rates. He suggested the Commission have a proactive role in preparing the County budget through a budget office under its jurisdiction by shifting resources from the Office of Strategic Business Management (OSBM) and the Office of the Commission Auditor. He noted that his budget priorities were as follows: providing services for senior citizens, minimizing the impact to County employees, increasing efficiencies, and supporting the Head Start program, the CBOs, the Park and Recreation Department, the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, and the anti-venom unit.

Chairman Moss noted the Commission should adopt millage rates that would provide maximum flexibility when they adopted the final budget on September 17, 2009. He expressed concern regarding the feasibility of the Commission identifying enough additional cuts to the Mayor's proposed budget to fund the priorities that had been mentioned.

Responding to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding the action that the Commission was required to take at this meeting, County Attorney Cuevas advised the Board had to establish the tentative millage rates and the tentative FY 2009-10 County budget.

Commissioner Martinez clarified that the Commission could adopt Items B, D, and F as the tentative FY 2009-10 County budget and amend those items at the second budget hearing.

County Attorney Cuevas advised that the Commission had to adopt a balanced budget at this meeting, however, the budgets proposed in Agenda Items B, D, and F were not balanced budgets with the state-defined rolled-back millage rates or the FY 2008-09 millage rates.

County Manager Burgess clarified that the Commission needed to adopt tentative millage rates and tentative budgets at this meeting, and that the Commission could adjust line items in those budgets. He explained that he had allocated service reserves to the Countywide Operating budget, the Unincorporated Municipal Service Areas budget, the Fire Rescue District Operating budget, and the Library District Operating budget to balance the Mayor's proposed budget with the millage rates established by the Property Appraiser.

Commissioner Gimenez pointed out the Commission could balance the budgets in Items B, D, and F by reducing reserve funds to the appropriate levels, if the FY 2008-09 millage rates were adopted as the millage rates for FY 2009-10. He clarified that he did not intent to permanently use the reserve funds to balance the budget.

Commissioner Sorenson questioned whether the County would impact its bond rating by using reserves to balance the budget.

County Manager Burgess expressed concern regarding the Commission using reserves as a simple way to balance the budget at this meeting. He noted the County needed to have a reasonable level of reserve funds. He explained the credit rating agencies would not be concerned regarding the level of County reserves until the final budget was adopted.

Commissioner Sorenson expressed concern that the Commission would be unable to identify additional cuts to the budget that would allow the Commission to restore the reserve funds that would be used to balance the

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budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Sorenson that the state-defined rolled-back millage rates be adopted as the millage rates for the County Fiscal Year 2009-10 budget. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Edmonson, and upon being put to a vote, failed by a vote of 5-8 (Commissioners Barreiro, Gimenez, Heyman, Martinez, Seijas, Sosa, Souto, and Diaz voted "No").

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that the FY 2008-09 adopted millage rates be adopted as the millage rates for the FY 2009-10 County budget. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez.

Commissioner Rolle questioned how the County would address the needs of senior citizens with the Mayor's proposed budget, and how the Mayor recommended the commissioners explain the proposed budget to senior citizens.

County Manager Burgess explained the Mayor's proposed budget represented a budget that included the services that could be delivered with the millage rates proposed by the Mayor. He clarified that the County would not deliver the services that were eliminated from the Mayor's proposed budget, unless the Commission incorporated alternative ways to deliver those services into the budget at the second budget hearing September 17, 2009.

Commissioner Rolle clarified that senior citizens were not currently well fed, notwithstanding the existing County programs. He expressed concern regarding the senior citizens in District 2 being neglected and that their diets would be poor compared to the senior citizens in other Commission districts.

Mayor Alvarez noted the County would treat all Commission districts equally. He requested the commissioners apprise him of any disparities that existed.

Commissioner Seijas expressed concern that the Commission would adopt the millage rates in the FY 2008-09 County budget. She urged the Commission to adopt a millage rate slightly above the FY 2008-09 millage rates. Commissioner Seijas noted she did not support the County balancing the budget by reducing the salary of County employees and by eliminating services to the neediest residents.

Commissioner Edmonson expressed concern that the Commission was unable to compromise on the millage rates to meet the community's needs. She asked the County Manager to ensure that Metro Miami Action Plan retained oversight of Teen Court and the Housing Assistance Program in Fiscal Year 2009-10, pursuant to Resolution No. R-997-09 and Ordinance No. 07-18. She noted she would vote against the motion on the floor.

Mayor Alvarez stressed the Commission would find it extremely difficult to balance the budget without reducing the salary of County employees by 5% if the FY 2008-09 millage rates were adopted as the millage rates for FY 2009-10.

Responding to Commissioner Jordan's inquiry regarding the additional funding gap between the FY 2008-09 millage rates and the Mayor's proposed millage rates, County Manager Burgess noted the FY 2008-09 millage rates would generate approximately \$17 million less revenues.

Commissioner Jordan clarified the overall funding gap would increase from

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\$427 million to \$444 million if the Commission adopted the FY 2008-09 millage rates as the millage rates for FY 2009-10. She noted the Commission would be irresponsible to adopt millage rates that were uncertain to provide important services to the community.

In response to County Manager Burgess's request for clarification on the motion on the floor, Commissioner Sosa clarified her motion was to set all millage rates at the same level as FY 2008-09.

Commissioner Gimenez clarified the total millage in Commissioner Sosa's motion was 9.7405 mills.

Hearing no other question or comments, the Commission proceeded to vote on the motion to adopt the FY 2008-09 adopted millage rates as the millage rates for FY 2009-10, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-5 (Commissioners Sorenson, Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, and Chairman Moss voted "No").

It was moved by Commissioner Sosa that this proposed ordinance be adopted as amended to change the total millage for all County operating purposes to 4.8379, which was an 11.27% decrease below the state-defined rolled-back rate. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Souto, and upon being put to a vote, passed 8-5 (Commissioners Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, Sorenson, and Chairman Moss v

ITEM B

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Ordinance

Amended

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; INCORPORATING THE 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED; APPROPRIATING ALL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN THE TIME WARRANTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES PENDING RECEIPT OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING DEPOSIT OF INTEREST EARNED TO THE GENERAL FUND; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH SET CHARGES, AUTHORIZING FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENTS; WAIVING SECTION 2-1799(A)2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO EXPENDITURES OF EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 2-1503 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP; WAIVING SECTION 2-1605 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE MIAMI-DADE SPORT COMMISSION; AMENDING THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF "OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE" AND THE "BUILDING DEPARTMENT" TO "BUILDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT"; REPEALING RESOLUTION NOS. R-829-06 AND R-1225-86; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item B AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092540.

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Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE COUNTYWIDE GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; INCORPORATING THE 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED; APPROPRIATING ALL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN THE TIME WARRANTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES PENDING RECEIPT OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING DEPOSIT OF INTEREST EARNED TO THE GENERAL FUND; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH SET CHARGES, AUTHORIZING FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENTS; WAIVING SECTION 2-1799(A)2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO EXPENDITURES OF EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUNDS; AMENDING SECTION 2-1503 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSORTIUM MEMBERSHIP; WAIVING SECTION 2-1605 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED TO THE MIAMI-DADE SPORT COMMISSION; AMENDING THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF "OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE" AND THE "BUILDING DEPARTMENT" TO "BUILDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT"; REPEALING RESOLUTION NOS. R-829-06 AND R-1225-86; SUPERSEDING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS OF PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN THE CODE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Adopted on first reading as amended

Public Hearing: September 17, 2009

Mover: Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Seconder: Joe A. Martinez

Vote: 8- 5

No: Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, Sorenson, Moss

Report: (See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.)

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed ordinance be amended to delete Section 11.

Commissioner Martinez recommended Commissioner Diaz wait to make this amendment at the second budget hearing on September 17, 2009.

Following County Attorney Cuevas advising that Commissioner Martinez's recommendation was possible, Commissioner Diaz withdrew his motion to amend.

In response to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding the process for adopting the Mayor's recommended 5% pay cut for County employees, County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission would need to go through the collective bargaining impasse process for bargaining units employees.

Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Budget Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, noted this proposed ordinance should be amended on handwritten page 45 to reduce the General Property Tax revenue to \$1,020,964,000, and on handwritten page 46 to increase the transfer from the emergency contingency reserve to \$39,021,000.

County Attorney Cuevas advised that this proposed ordinance should be amended on handwritten page 40 to delete the reference in section 2 that the changes in the County Manager's memorandum would be included.

County Manager Burgess suggested this proposed ordinance be amended to transfer \$3.5 million from the Countywide emergency contingency reserve to the Countywide General Fund for the Miami-Dade Transit Agency (MDT) Maintenance of Effort (MOE).

County Attorney Cuevas responded to questions from Commissioners Jordan and Diaz on the need for the Commission to amend this proposed resolution to include the MDT MOE.

Following further discussion between Commissioner Jordan and the County Administration regarding the MDT MOE, Commissioner Martinez questioned whether the Commission could delete the MDT MOE from the County budget at the second budget hearing, if it was added to the budget at this meeting.

County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission had the ability to remove the funding for the MOE at the second budget hearing, however, the Commission could not undue the unification of MDT funds at the second budget hearing.

Ms. Glazer-Moon noted this proposed ordinance should be amended on handwritten page 46 to increase the transfer from the emergency contingency reserve to \$43,907,000, on handwritten page 47 to increase the general fund expenditure to Transit to \$148,071,000, and on handwritten pages 46 and 48 to change the total general fund budget to \$1,278,367,000.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed ordinance be adopted on first reading as amended on handwritten page 45 to reduce the General Property Tax revenue to \$1,020,964,000, on handwritten page 46 to increase the transfer from the emergency contingency reserve to \$43,907,000, on handwritten page 47 to increase the general fund expenditure to Transit to

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\$148,071,000, on handwritten pages 46 and 48 to change the total general fund budget to \$1,278,367,000, and on handwritten page 40 to delete the reference in section 2 that the changes in the County Manager's memorandum would be included. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez.

Commissioner Seijas urged the Mayor to honor his commitment to not lay off any County employees before September 30, 2009. She noted she supported the County funding two rescue helicopters and the anti-venom unit in MDRF, as well as any other life saving line item.

Responding to Chairman Moss' inquiry regarding the Commission impacting County employment, County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission could designate the level of funds available for employees, however, the Commission could not dictate what employee positions would be eliminated.

Hearing no other questions or comments, the Commission proceeded to vote on this proposed ordinance as amended, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-5 (Commissioners Jordan, Rolle, Sorenson, Edmonson and Chairman Moss voted "No").

ITEM C

092451 Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING
THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA
MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010;
LEVYING ALL TAXES SO PROVIDED; PROVIDING
SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(County Manager)

Amended

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item C AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092541.

ITEM C AMENDED

092541 Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING
THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA
MILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING
OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010;
LEVYING ALL TAXES SO PROVIDED; PROVIDING
SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE
(County Manager)

Adopted on first reading as amended

Public Hearing: September 17, 2009

Mover: Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Seconder: Rebeca Sosa

Vote: 8- 5

No: Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, Sorenson, Moss

Report: (See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.)

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that the foregoing proposed ordinance be adopted on first reading as amended to change the total millage for UMSA purposes 2.0083, which was a 10.55% decrease below the state-defined rolled-back rate. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-5 (Commissioners Jordan, Rolle, Sorenson, Edmonson and Chairman Moss voted "No").

ITEM D

092452

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA FUND BUDGET FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; INCORPORATING THE 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED; APPROPRIATING ALL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN THE TIME WARRANTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES PENDING RECEIPT OF TAXES; AUTHORIZING DEPOSIT OF INTEREST EARNED TO THE GENERAL FUND; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH SET CHARGES, AUTHORIZING FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; RECOGNIZING AND CONTINUING THE UNINCORPORATED MUNICIPAL SERVICE AREA; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENTS; WAIVING SECTION 2-1799(A)2 OF THE CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RELATING TO EXPENDITURES OF EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUNDS; AMENDING CODE OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO CHANGE THE NAMES OF "OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE" AND THE "BUILDING DEPARTMENT" TO "BUILDING AND NEIGHBORHOOD COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT"; AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NOS. R-829-06 AND R-1225-86; SUPERSEDING PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY, INCLUSION IN CODE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

*Adopted on first reading
Public Hearing: September 17, 2009*

Mover: Joe A. Martinez

Seconder: Sally A. Heyman

Vote: 8- 5

*No: Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson,
Sorenson, Moss*

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.

ITEM E

092453

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 MILLAGE FOR COUNTYWIDE BONDED DEBT SERVICE , MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT BONDED DEBT SERVICE, MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM OPERATING PURPOSES AND MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT OPERATING PURPOSES; LEVYING ALL TAXES SO PROVIDED; RECOGNIZING AND CONTINUING THE MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Amended

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item E AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092543.

ITEM E AMENDED

092543

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009 ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010 MILLAGE FOR COUNTYWIDE BONDED DEBT SERVICE, MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT BONDED DEBT SERVICE, MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM OPERATING PURPOSES AND MILLAGE FOR MIAMI-DADE FIRE RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT OPERATING PURPOSES; LEVYING ALL TAXES SO PROVIDED; RECOGNIZING AND CONTINUING THE MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY SYSTEM; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Adopted on first reading as amended

Public Hearing: September 17, 2009

Mover: Carlos A. Gimenez

Seconder: Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Vote: 8- 5

No: Jordan, Rolle, Edmonson, Sorenson, Moss

Report: (See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.)

Commissioner Seijas questioned how the Countywide operating millage rate impacted municipalities that operated their own libraries.

County Attorney Cuevas advised that the library system operating millage rate was in Agenda Item E, and that Section 5 of that item explained the library system operating millage rate would be levied and collected only within the library district.

It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that this proposed ordinance be adopted on first reading as amended to change the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Service District total millage rate for operating purposes to 2.1851, which was a 10.66% decrease below the state-defined rolled-back rate, to change the Miami-Dade Library System total millage rate for operating purposes to 0.3822, which was 10.66% decrease below the state-defined rolled-back rate, to change the Countywide bonded debt service millage rate to 0.285, and to change the Miami-Dade Fire and Rescue Service District bonded debt service millage rate to 0.042. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Diaz, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-5 (Commissioners Jordan, Edmonson, Rolle, Sorenson, and Chairman Moss voted "No").

ITEM F

092454

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING PROPRIETARY BUDGETS, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES AND BUDGETS, AND OTHER BUDGETS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; INCORPORATING THE FY 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED; APPROPRIATING ALL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN TIME WARRANTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES PENDING RECEIPT OF TAXES; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH SET CHARGES, AUTHORIZING FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; APPROVING REVISED FEES, CHARGES, AND IMPLEMENTING ORDERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES; ADOPTING THE FY 2009-10 PAY PLAN; AUTHORIZING ALLOCATIONS AND REALLOCATIONS OF BOND PROCEEDS AND INTEREST EARNINGS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PROVIDE BOND ISSUE RESERVES; ESTABLISHING SUCH FUNDS AS MAY BE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXPENDITURE; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF LOCAL BUSINESS TAX SURCHARGE TO BEACON COUNCIL; APPROPRIATING GRANT, DONATION, AND CONTRIBUTION FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENTS; CONTINUING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TRUST FUND; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. R-829-06 AND R-1225-86; SUPERSEDING PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Amended

Report: See Report Under Agenda Item F AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092544.

ITEM F AMENDED

092544

Ordinance

ORDINANCE APPROVING, ADOPTING AND RATIFYING PROPRIETARY BUDGETS, SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT RATES AND BUDGETS, AND OTHER BUDGETS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2010; PROVIDING A SHORT TITLE; INCORPORATING THE FY 2009-10 PROPOSED BUDGET AS AMENDED; APPROPRIATING ALL BUDGETED EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE INVESTMENT OF COUNTY FUNDS IN TIME WARRANTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY; AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS AS CASH ADVANCES PENDING RECEIPT OF TAXES; RATIFYING AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTING ORDERS AND OTHER ACTIONS OF THE BOARD WHICH SET CHARGES, AUTHORIZING FEES CONSISTENT WITH APPROPRIATIONS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR AMENDMENT; APPROVING REVISED FEES, CHARGES, AND IMPLEMENTING ORDERS FOR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES; ADOPTING THE FY 2009-10 PAY PLAN; AUTHORIZING ALLOCATIONS AND REALLOCATIONS OF BOND PROCEEDS AND INTEREST EARNINGS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO PROVIDE BOND ISSUE RESERVES; ESTABLISHING SUCH FUNDS AS MAY BE APPROVED DURING THE YEAR AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR EXPENDITURE; AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF LOCAL BUSINESS TAX SURCHARGE TO BEACON COUNCIL; APPROPRIATING GRANT, DONATION, AND CONTRIBUTION FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE CERTAIN FUNDING AGREEMENTS; CONTINUING THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES TRUST FUND; REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. R-829-06 AND R-1225-86; SUPERSEDING PRIOR ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (County Manager)

Adopted on first reading as amended

Public Hearing: September 17, 2009

Mover: Jose "Pepe" Diaz

Seconder: Rebeca Sosa

Vote: 13- 0

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Report: (See Report Under Agenda Item A AMENDED, Legislative File No. 092539.)

Ms. Jennifer Glazer-Moon, Budget Director, Office of Strategic Business Management, noted this proposed ordinance needed to be amended to make the following changes:

- *On handwritten page 437, to change the Countywide Emergency Contingency Reserve Fund Transfer to the Countywide General Fund to \$43,907,000, and the Countywide Emergency Contingency Reserve balance to \$16,421,000;*
- *On handwritten page 437, to change the Fire Rescue District Property Tax revenues to \$274,370,000; the Total Revenues to \$342,290,000, the Tax Equalization to \$858,000, the Total Expenditures to \$342,290,000;*
- *On handwritten page 452, to change the Miami-Dade Library System Property Taxes Revenues to \$73,469,000, the Total Revenues to \$142,309,000, the Operating Reserves to \$76,050,000; the Total Expenditures to \$142,309,000;*
- *On handwritten page 463, to change the Debt Service Fund General Obligation Bonds Project: 201100 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$5,293,000; the Total Revenues to \$7,812,000; the Reserve for Bond Service Expenditure to \$762,000; the Total Expenditures to \$7,812,000;*
- *On handwritten page 464, to change the Safe Neighborhood Park Program Bond Project: 201117 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$5,653,000, the Total Revenues to \$8,653,000, the Reserve for Bond Service \$1,278,000, the Total Expenditures to \$8,653,000;*
- *On handwritten page 464, to change the Building Better Communities Program Bonds Project: 201119 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$49,199,000, the Total Revenues to \$64,424,000, the Reserves for Bond Service to \$20,740,000, the Total Expenditures to \$64,424,000;*
- *On handwritten page 516, to change the Miami-Dade Transit Transfer from the Countywide General Fund for Maintenance of Effort to \$146,208,000, the Total Revenues to \$403,450,000, the Operating Expenditures to \$367,119,000, and the Total Expenditures to \$403,450,000.*

Commissioner Sosa pointed out that this proposed ordinance would increase the Water and Sewer Department (WASD) rates, fees, and charges.

In response to Commissioner Barreiro's question regarding the level of the proposed increase in WASD rates, fees, and charges, County Manager Burgess explained the proposed increases were the result of a 6 percent increase in the cost of commodities used to treat the water, and of the costs to issue debt for WASD capital improvement projects that the County committed to do when it applied for the 20 year Consumptive Use Permit.

Commissioner Barreiro noted he would support the 6 percent increase in the cost index.

Commissioner Seijas noted that WASD staff had met with her and assured her that the increased WASD rates, fees, and charges would be phased in, as opposed to imposing one lump sum, and that this proposed ordinance did not indicate the increases were being phased in.

County Manager Burgess explained that WASD had a capital improvements schedule that recognized additional debt would need to be issued in future years. He pointed out that the rate adjustments in those years would be smaller than the rate increase this year.

Responding to Commissioner Seijas' request for clarification on the process for WASD to generate revenues for its capital improvement projects, Commissioner Gimenez explained that the Government Operations Committee was told that WASD was obligated to make these capital improvements, however, WASD would not generate these revenues through shocking rate increases.

It was moved by Commissioner Diaz that this proposed ordinance be adopted on first reading as amended to bifurcate Section 16 and Attachment I: Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department, and to make the following changes:

- On handwritten page 437, to change the Countywide Emergency Contingency Reserve Fund Transfer to the Countywide General Fund to \$43,907,000, and the Countywide Emergency Contingency Reserve balance to \$16,421,000;*
- On handwritten page 437, to change the Fire Rescue District Property Tax revenues to \$274,370,000; the Total Revenues to \$342,290,000, the Tax Equalization to \$858,000, the Total Expenditures to \$342,290,000;*
- On handwritten page 452, to change the Miami-Dade Library System Property Taxes Revenues to \$73,469,000, the Total Revenues to \$142,309,000, the Operating Reserves to \$76,050,000; the Total Expenditures to \$142,309,000;*
- On handwritten page 463, to change the Debt Service Fund General Obligation Bonds Project: 201100 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$5,293,000; the Total Revenues to \$7,812,000; the Reserve for Bond Service Expenditure to \$762,000; the Total Expenditures to \$7,812,000;*
- On handwritten page 464, to change the Safe Neighborhood Park Program Bond Project: 201117 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$5,653,000, the Total Revenues to \$8,653,000, the Reserve for Bond Service \$1,278,000, the Total Expenditures to \$8,653,000;*
- On handwritten page 464, to change the Building Better Communities Program Bonds Project: 201119 Ad Valorem – Countywide Revenues to \$49,199,000, the Total Revenues to \$64,424,000, the Reserves for Bond Service to \$20,740,000, the Total Expenditures to \$64,424,000;*
- On handwritten page 516, to change the Miami-Dade Transit Transfer from the Countywide General Fund for Maintenance of Effort to \$146,208,000, the Total Revenues to \$403,450,000, the Operating Expenditures to \$367,119,000, and the Total Expenditures to \$403,450,000;*

This motion was seconded by Commissioner Sosa, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 13-0.

In response to Commissioner Gimenez's question regarding the Commission adopting WASD rates, fees, and charges at the second budget hearing that increased the WASD rates, fees, and charges adopted at the first budget hearing, County Attorney Cuevas advised the Commission could adopt increased WASD rates, fees and charges at the second budget hearing September 17, 2009.

It was moved by Commissioner Gimenez that Section 16 and Attachment I: Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges for Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department be adopted on first reading as amended on handwritten page 552 to change the Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Revenue Fund Water Production Revenues to \$223,416,000, the Wastewater Disposal Revenues to \$255,904,000, the Water Production Expenditures to \$142,590,000, the

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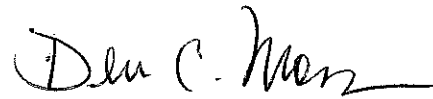
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Wastewater Disposal Expenditures to \$149,341,000, and the Total Revenues and the Total Expenditures to \$572,854,000. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 8-5 (Commissioners Sorenson, Edmonson, Jordan, Rolle, and Chairman Moss voted "No").

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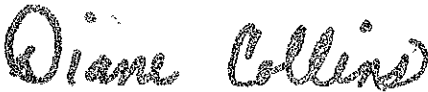
ADJOURNMENT

Report: *There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 4:31 a.m.*



Dennis C. Moss, Chairman

ATTEST: HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK



By: Diane Collins, Acting, Deputy Clerk